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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (February 1 - 7, 2008)

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

¶2. (U) During the February 1 - 7, 2008 reporting period, no GOT security official was killed or injured in clashes. The total number of security forces casualties for the year through January 31, 2008 was zero killed and 17 injured.

¶3. (U) During the same period, ten PKK terrorists were killed. Two more PKKers were captured and three surrendered. According to official TGS website figures, through the end of the first week of February, the number of PKK militants killed this year was ten, the number of those captured was 38, and the number of those who surrendered was 20.

¶4. (U) There were no incidents involving civilian casualties during the reporting period. Civilian casualties for the year through the end of the first week of February remain at seven killed, with another 49 wounded, in the Diyarbakir explosion.

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